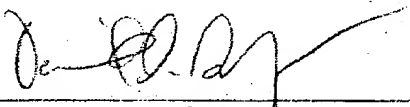


REMARKS

By the above actions, the specification has been amended as indicated by the Examiner and claim 1 has been amended to incorporate claim 2 to place the application into condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowability. That is, the proper "mm" designation is provided in the specification at pages 6 and 10-12, and claims 1 and 2 have been combined, claim 2 canceled and claim 4 made dependent on claim 1 instead of now-canceled claim 2.

The present application is now in condition for allowance; however, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

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